



State Representative David Scribner

Dear Friends,

It continues to be an honor and a pleasure to serve as your state representative for the 107th District and the towns of Brookfield and Bethel.

This Legislative Report contains information about what the legislature did this session to address the state budget, and focuses on other issues important to our towns and state.

If you have any questions or comments concerning the 2006 session, please contact my office at any time.

Sincerely,



Promoting Internet Safety for Children

Recent tragedies resulting from teen use of a website called MySpace.com is a reminder to us that the Internet is a fantastic tool, but one where we should exercise particular caution regarding children and teen use.

- ★ *Keep your identity private*
- ★ *Never get together with someone you "meet" online*
- ★ *Never respond to e-mail, chat comments, instant messages that are hostile, inappropriate or in any way make you feel uncomfortable*
- ★ *Talk with your children and set ground rules about going online*

A site, www.safeteens.com, includes a number of links and basic rules for online safety for teens, guidelines for parents, blog safety information and a link called staysafe.org, which also is a great site.

The State of Connecticut offers a website located at www.ct.gov/cybersafe to help citizens learn more about safety and security on the Internet.

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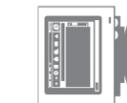
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The State Budget

By the end of this session the General Assembly had approved a \$16 billion state budget that represented a compromise between legislative Democrats and Governor M. Jodi Rell and legislative Republicans.

The deal includes a phased-out repeal of the corporate surcharge, which many of my colleagues and I have fought for since the beginning of the legislative session. It also includes a number of tax cuts for business which will help improve the economy and increase jobs in the state, such as a phase out of the property tax on machinery and equipment.

We also increased deposits in the Rainy Day Fund from the Democrats' proposed \$39 million to \$190 million, which boosts the fund to \$800 million. The budget deal also fully funds the Teachers' Pension Fund, which has been repeatedly shortchanged by majority Democrats to fuel other spending projects. The final budget is also under the constitutionally mandated spending cap in both years.

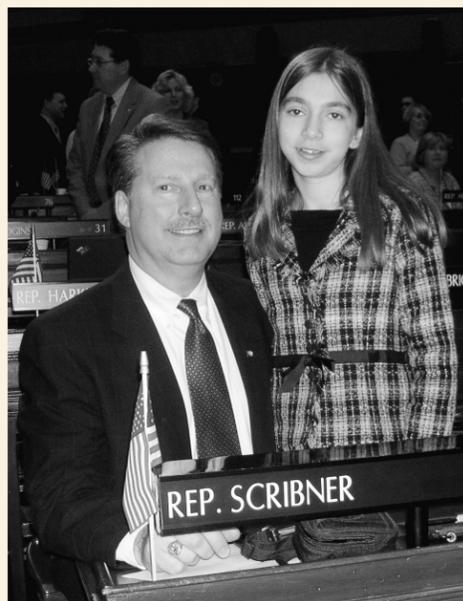


Rep. Scribner reads to a class of children in celebration of Dr. Suess's Birthday.



Jobs for the 21st Century

This year I supported a jobs bill that aims at improving Connecticut's stagnant economy, and increasing jobs in the state. House Republicans offered a handful of amendments which would have improved the bill. One such amendment would require that the General Assembly's non-partisan Office of Fiscal Analysis prepare an economic impact statement on bills that would impact businesses in the state. Another would have sped up the property tax relief in the bill for manufacturing equipment, which is scheduled to phase out over five years. The amendments were defeated on a mostly party-line vote.



Rep. Scribner is visited on Opening Day of the 2006 session of the House of Representatives by his daughter Kathryn.



Transportation

As Ranking Member of the legislature's Transportation I worked to shepherd through a landmark 10-year, \$2.3 billion transportation package, which provides for a massive overhaul and improvement of Connecticut's highways and mass transit in all corners of the state. It also manages to do this without instituting tolls or increasing taxes.

Items scheduled for immediate implementation in the bill are environmental planning for expansion on I-95 from Branford to the Rhode Island border, a preliminary design for widening I-84 between Danbury and Waterbury, as well as planning for improvements to Routes 2 and 2A, the expansion of Route 9, and upgrading of the Pequot Bridge.

Underage Drinking

The General Assembly passed legislation I co-sponsored that prohibits individuals from allowing minors to possess alcohol on private property and prohibits minors from possessing alcohol on private property. Surprisingly, underage drinking flourishes at private residences, and is more common than in more public areas. This bill addresses underage drinking right where it takes place most often.

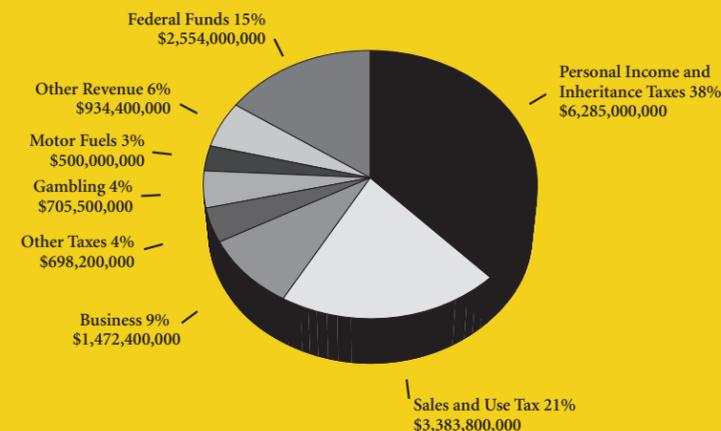
STEAP Grants for Bethel and Brookfield

I was pleased after working with Governor M. Jodi Rell to see both Brookfield and Bethel receive grants from the Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP). Bethel received \$500,000 to replace a water line leading to and within Clarke Industrial Park, and Brookfield received \$500,000 for the extension of a fire suppression water line south along Route 7.

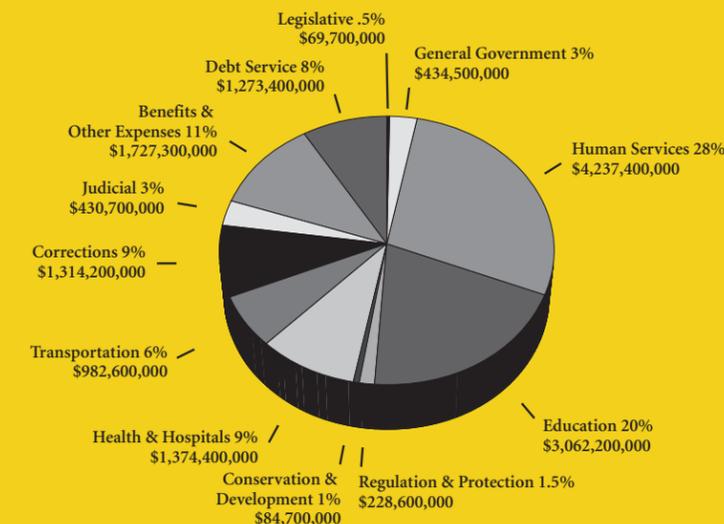
BUDGET ENDING JUNE 30, 2006

The 2006 general fund and the special transportation fund spends \$15.2 billion.

WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM?



WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?



*In addition to an expected surplus, the difference between expenditures and revenues is due to tax refunds.